IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Haugland and Yue	)	Examiner: Jeffrey FREDMAN
Serial No.: 10/683,753	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: October 13, 2003	)	Docket No. IVGN 692.1
For: **Aza-Benzazolium Containing Cyanine Dyes**	)	Confirmation No. 5050

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2006 is hereby submitted on or before the shortened three-month period for review of January 3, 2007. In the event that this response in not deemed to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for the necessary extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment associated with this filing, with the exception of the issue fee, to Deposit Account No. **13-3900**.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and reconsider the Office Action in view of the following.

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